

# City Manager's Friday Newsletter

## Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

May 17, 2016

### 6:00 Council Workshop

 <u>Discussion</u> regarding Financial Management Policy Updates – Budget and CIP Sections

### 7:00 Regular Meeting

- Action regarding 2016 budget amendment
- Action regarding petition for vacation of unnamed right-ofway
- Action to appoint Parks Naming Committee members
- Action authorizing City Manager to execute text archiving agreement with Mobile Guard
- <u>Discussion</u> regarding mobile food vendors

The agenda list above is partial and tentative. For further information, click here for the City website: <a href="http://www.snohomishwa.gov/AgendaCenter/City-Council-Agendas-1">http://www.snohomishwa.gov/AgendaCenter/City-Council-Agendas-1</a>

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# Snohomish Police to Hold Community Forum on Heroin





In an effort to combat the growing epidemic of prescription drug and heroin abuse, the Snohomish Police Department and the Snohomish Public Safety Commission will host a community forum aimed at educating community members about the dangers of addiction. The opioid and prescription drug abuse epidemic has swept through

Snohomish County. Statistics show that overdose deaths from heroin abuse increased by 68.9% and treatment for opiate addiction increased by 320.6% between 2002 and 2013. Nationally the number of overdose deaths from heroin abuse has more than doubled since 2010.

The Snohomish Police Department, with assistance from the Snohomish School District, will hold a community forum on the Opiate and Heroin Epidemic in Snohomish County. This informational community forum will take place on **Thursday**, **May 26**, **2016 starting at 6:30 p.m. at Snohomish High School (1316 Fifth Street, Snohomish) in the Performing Arts Center (PAC).** The forum is intended to inform the community on opioid abuse, current trends, the "how" and "why's" of opioid dependence and strategies to address opioid abuse and prevention.

This forum will be presented by Susan Kingston, the Education Coordinator for the Center for Opioid Safety Education, <a href="http://stopoverdose.org/cose/">http://stopoverdose.org/cose/</a>, at the University of Washington in partnership with the Snohomish Police Department and the Snohomish School District.

No registration is necessary to attend this event and it is open to all.

## Snohomish Citizens Invited to Open Discussion During"Coffee with the Mayor"

on Saturday May 21, 10 - 11 a.m. Snohomish Library Community Room



This is an open-ended opportunity for citizens to discuss ideas and concerns with Snohomish Mayor Karen Guzak during a "Coffee with the Mayor." This is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 21. Learn more about your government and the people who serve this City.

The open forum about City issues will be held in the Community Room of the Snohomish branch library, and all citizens are welcome to attend. The library is located at 311 Maple Avenue, Snohomish.

"This is my effort to reach citizens who may not normally attend any of our meetings of City Council or any of our advisory boards and commissions," said Mayor Guzak. "We want to hear from any residents who have ideas, questions, concerns, opinions or just want more information about their City government. We love our sweet City and take our service to heart as we listen to our citizens."

The meeting is designed to be an informal way to meet with Snohomish City leaders outside of the City Council's regular meetings. Council meetings also include opportunities for citizen comments several times throughout the meetings, but those comment periods are time limited.

"This is the first time we've scheduled this type of open and informal way for citizens to engage with us outside of our regular City Council meetings," said Guzak. "If it proves to be a useful way to get feedback from Snohomish residents we plan to offer these *Coffee with the Mayor* forums on a regular basis. We're eager to hear from anyone who wants to discuss our City's public services, policies and programs."

## Help Choose the Name of the City's NEW Mobile App

The City is investing in a new mobile app. We would like your input on what the app name should be by taking our poll. This is the name you would see when you visit the App Store or Google Play.

Please pick your favorite or suggest a name in "Other". If you need inspiration go to your smart phone app store and search "CivicPlus" as this is the company that is creating the app and they've created many apps for other Cities and Counties around the U.S. The plan is to have the new app launched in July 2016.

CLICK HERE to take the poll.

Feel free to share the poll with your friends and neighbors.

#### 2016 Calendar:

#### **Economic Development Committee**

Tuesday, May 17
Regular Meeting 7:30 a.m.
Carnegie Building
105 Cedar Avenue
NEW LOCATION

City Council Workshop
Tuesday, May 17
Special Meeting 6:00 p.m.
George Gilbertson Boardroom
1601 Avenue D

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## Planning and Development Services Department Closure on May 20

The Planning and Development Services Department will be closed to the public on Friday, May 20, 2016.

For building inspections and permit submittals, we will be available May 16-19 during normal business hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Any building inspections requested for May 20 will be provided on Monday, May 23. Phone messages left on May 20 will be returned promptly on Monday as well.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Clay White, Interim Planning Director at (360) 282-3173.

## **2015 Transportation Master Plan and Fees Adopted**

On March 15, 2016, the 2015 Transportation Master Plan was adopted by the City Council (Ordinance 2307). The Master Plan was updated in conjunction with the City's Comprehensive Plan update as required by the Growth Management Act. The Transpo Group was contracted by the City to provide transportation planning services for the update. The Master Plan was reviewed and accepted by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) and the Washington State Department of Commerce.

The Master Plan has not been updated since 2004. Since then the majority of the projects identified in the 2004 Plan have been completed, including the new traffic signal and intersection improvement at the First Street and Avenue D Intersection, the new traffic signal and improvements at Second Street and Avenue A, and the new roundabout at 15th Street and Avenue D.

Traffic data such as vehicle counts (along roads and at intersections) was collected to develop a model to evaluate the existing and future transportation system. Future year 2035 household and employment data from PSRC and Snohomish County, and land use data from the City, was used to develop the year 2035 transportation model. Level of Service (a measure of traffic delay) was calculated at various intersections in the City under existing and future conditions. Projects were developed to address safety and transportation deficiencies. A multi-modal approach was taken in this update, and pedestrian and bicycle systems were also reviewed. The projects identified were both motorized and non-motorized improvements. These projects included intersection improvements at Bickford Avenue/Weaver Avenue, safety improvements at Second Street/Avenue J, and pedestrian and road improvements along Avenue A.

Based on the estimated project costs identified in the Master Plan and calculated growth trips, an updated traffic impact fee of \$1,603 per pm peak hour trip for new development has been implemented. This is an increase from the current fee of \$1,422 per trip. This is at the lower end of traffic impact fees in comparison to other Western Washington agencies. The average in Snohomish County is approximately \$2,453. This fee increase will not be able to cover all the transportation project costs. Grants and other funding sources will be needed. The City will continue to apply for transportation grants when they are available.

Maintaining the existing transportation system is just as important as improving the system. If the existing system is not properly maintained than the costs for restoring or reconstructing the roads will increase. Maintenance and operations of the transportation system was included as part of this update. The Transportation Benefit District is an essential part of maintaining the transportation system by providing funds to preserve the City's paved roads.

The 2015 Draft Transportation Master Plan has been placed on the City's website (see link below). <a href="http://wa-snohomish.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/2858">http://wa-snohomish.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/2858</a>

For questions, please contact Yosh Monzaki at 360-282-3161 or Monzaki@snohomishwa.gov.

## **Motorcycle Show on Sunday**

The Sky Valley Motorcycle Show will be on Sunday, May 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The streets in Historic Downtown Snohomish will be closed on Sunday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Residents should expect heavy traffic in that area throughout the day. The motorcycle show is celebrating its 20 year anniversary. Proceeds from the event support local non profits and families in need in our community (see flyer last page).

## **Film Screenagers Coming to Snohomish**

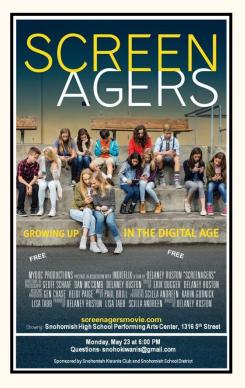
The film *Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age*, will be shown at the Snohomish High School Performing Arts Center on Monday, May 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Screenagers probes on the vulnerable corners of family life, including the director's own, and depicts messy struggles over social media, video games, academics, and internet addiction. Through surprising insights from the authors and brain scientists, solutions emerge on how we can empower kids to best navigate the digital world. For more information about the movie visit the website at:

http://www.screenagersmovie.com/

Parents and students are encouraged to attend together. This event is sponsored by Snohomish School District and Snohomish Kiwanis Club and is **FREE** to the public. Questions regarding the Snohomish Screening may be emailed to SnohoKiwanis@gmail.com.

The Snohomish High School Performing Arts Center is located at 1316 Fifth Street, Snohomish, WA 98290.



## **Snohomish Farmers Market Celebrating 25 Years!**



Mayor Karen Guzak with Sarah Dylan-Jenser Market Manager

The Snohomish Farmers Market opened on May 5. Mayor Karen Guzak attended to cut the ribbon and declare the Market open for business.

Every Thursday, from May through September, you'll find the intersection of Cedar Avenue and Pearl Street filled with the sights and sounds of the Snohomish Farmers Market. The Market offers a large selection of local fruits, berries and vegetables from Washington State farmers and ranches. You'll also find a great selection of other items like honey, grass-fed beef, ice cream, locally roasted and organic coffee. There are a variety of prepared foods to delight your taste buds like kettle corn, gourmet hot dogs, cheeseburgers, fresh-made sushi and more. The Market also features local artisans and crafters as well as hanging baskets, garden starts, and potted plants galore to get your greenhouse going this season.

### **Street Vacation Code Amendment**

Streets are typically dedicated to the City within a right-of-way through the plat process. The right-of-way is a form of easement that is used for public purposes such as streets, parking, sidewalks, bicycle lanes and utilities. In general, the abutting property owners own the underlying property to the centerline of the right-of-way. This portion of property is encumbered by the right-of-way and limits its use by the property owner. Property owners can request a vacation of the street or right-of-way through a petition process that relinquishes the City's public use of the right-of-way to the property owner. A petition would be signed by the property owners abutting the requested vacation area and submitted to the City.

City staff would review the petition to determine if the requested vacation area is currently being used or would be needed in the future for street, utility or other public improvements. If staff determines that there is no current or future need for the vacation area, the petition is presented to the City Council. If the Council decides to proceed with the vacation, a public hearing is scheduled and the petitioner may be required to have an appraisal completed. The City must be compensated for the vacated area which can be the appraised value or a property trade. If the vacation is granted by the City Council, the vacated portion of the right-of-way would become unencumbered allowing the abutting property owner full use of the property. Conditions may be placed on the vacation, for example, the City may require an easement if there is an existing utility within the vacation area.

Since 2015, four petitions were submitted for the vacation of City streets (right-of-way) to develop the abutting property or resolve a building encroachment issue. During the street vacation process, it became apparent that revisions were needed to clarify the current Street Vacation code sections regarding fees, compensation and appraisals. Amendments to Snohomish Municipal Code Chapter 12.48 were adopted by the City Council on April 5, 2015 (Ordinance 2305).

SMC sections 12.48.010 (Petition-Fee-Subdivision Vacation) and 12.48.020 (Petition-Procedure-Investigation-Survey) referred to collecting and refunding "deposits" for the street vacation process. References to deposits were removed from the code sections because deposits are not collected for the vacation petition. A street vacation petition fee \$1,000 is collected for engineering and legal review of the street vacation at the time the petition is submitted to the City. This fee is comparable to neighboring cities (Lake Stevens - \$1,000; Arlington - \$1,058; and Monroe - \$940).

SMC 12.48.040 (Compensation) subsections (A.) and (B.) describe the required compensation amounts based on when the street was dedicated to the City. These subsections were clarified to be consistent with the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 35.79 Streets – Vacations. Subsection (C.) describes the compensation criteria. The amended code allows the compensation to be waived by the City Council if the vacation area is less than a proposed dedication area or is less than 500 square feet.

SMC 12.48.070 (Appraisal-Fees) subsection (A.) was revised to allow the petitioner to select an appraiser from a City list or to submit the name of an appraiser for City approval. Subsection (C.) was added to define a time period in which the petitioner must submit an appraisal. This allows the City to deny the application after twelve (12) months if the petitioner takes no further actions to pursue the street vacation.

For questions, please contact Yosh Monzaki at 360-282-3161 or Monzaki@snohomishwa.gov.

## **Highlighted Land Use Applications in Process**

The applications listed below are currently pending or under review. During the comment period associated with a development proposal, interested parties may submit comments for the project record. For additional information on any of these projects, the project file may be reviewed at City Hall during normal business hours. Staff is also available to respond to questions at the contact information below.

Park Avenue North Short Plat (four-lot short plat): 1915 Park Avenue

File #22-15-SP

Complete application determination issued December 16, 2015. Notice of Application issued December 23, 2015. Application is currently in review.

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

Park Avenue South Short Plat (three-lot short plat): 1909 Park Avenue

File #23-15-SP

Complete application determination issued December 16, 2015. Notice of Application issued December 23, 2015. Application is currently in review.

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

**Riverview South Preliminary Plat** (14-lot Planned Residential Development): 2210 Second Street File #05-16-PP

Pending complete application determination.

Public comment period to follow complete application determination, under separate notice. A public hearing before the Hearing Examiner will be scheduled following environmental (SEPA) review.

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

Cady Landing Pedestrian Bridge: 40 Maple Avenue

File #06-16-SEPA

Pending SEPA Threshold Determination.

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

Bickford Landing Comprehensive Plan Amendment: 2424 and 2501 Bickford Avenue

The request is for a Land Use Map amendment from Business Park to High Density Residential. Comprehensive Plan amendments are an annual legislative process and decision of the City Council following "nonproject" environmental review and a recommendation by the Planning Commission. Opportunities for public comment will be provided through the environmental review, Planning Commission, and City Council processes.

File #08-16-SEPA

Pending docketing by City Council, currently scheduled for June 7, 2016. The docketing process allows the City Council to determine which, if any, Comprehensive Plan amendment applications it will consider in the current year.

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

For a complete list of all land use and development projects currently in review, please visit the City's website. <a href="http://www.snohomishwa.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/2700">http://www.snohomishwa.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/2700</a>



Proceeds Benefit Food Bank and Senior Center